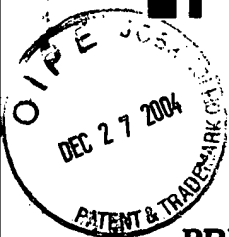


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Re: U.S. Patent Application No.: 10/034,505
Filing Date: 12/28/2001
Title: STERILE DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING
SAME
Inventor(s): Jennifer M. REYNOLDS, et al.
Our Ref.: 047711-0294
Your Ref.: PE00924US

Dear Paul:

In accordance with Richard Yoon's fax instruction, we filed a response to the outstanding office action of September 27, 2004. Enclosed is a copy for your file.

Also, to confirm we will be filing a divisional application with respect to claims 1-35. We will report the filing to you of the divisional application once we file the application.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate in contacting us.

Very truly yours,


Ted R. Rittmaster

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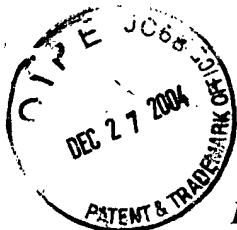
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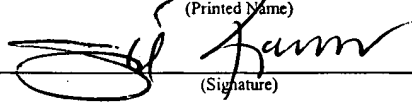
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTALMail Stop Amendment
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a previous assertion of Small Entity status.
- ☐ Assertion of Small Entity status is enclosed.
- ☒ The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims As Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Claims Fee
Total Claims:	9	- 44	= 0	x \$50.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims:	1	- 5	= 0	x \$200.00 =	\$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims: + \$360.00 =					\$0.00
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL =					\$0.00

- ☐ Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$120.00	\$0.00
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EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:		\$0.00
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CLAIMS, EXTENSION AND DISCLAIMER FEE TOTAL:		\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):		\$0.00
TOTAL FEE:		\$0.00

- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0872 in the amount of \$0.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$0.00 is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0872.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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